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James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional “peg” rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 2.250 (2 ¼) percent for the April–June quarter of FY 2012.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender’s commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

Grady B. Hedgespeth,

Director, Office of Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7837]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Nicolai Fechin”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Nicolai Fechin,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan

agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Museum of Russian Art, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from on or about August 18, 2012, until on or about January 13, 2013, the Frye Art Museum, Seattle, Washington, from on or about February 2, 2013, until on or about April 7, 2013, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6469). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: March 28, 2012.

J. Adam Ereli,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS431]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding China—Measures Related to the Exportation of Rare Earths, Tungsten and Molybdenum

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) is providing notice that on March 13, 2012, in accordance with the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (“WTO Agreement”), the United States requested consultations regarding restraints on the export from China of various forms of rare earths, tungsten and molybdenum (the “materials”). That request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS431/1. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before April 30, 2012 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR 2012-0005. If you are unable to provide submissions by www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

If (as explained below) the comment contains confidential information, then the comment should be submitted by fax only to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jared Wessel, Assistant General Counsel, or Ben Kostrzewa, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested pursuant to the WTO *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (“DSU”). If such consultations should fail to resolve the matter and a dispute settlement panel is established pursuant to the DSU, such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

On March 13, 2012, the United States requested consultations regarding China’s restraints on the export from China of various forms of rare earths (“rare earths” include, but are not limited to, items falling under the following eight-digit HS numbers identified in the Announcement No. 27 Issuing the 2012 Tariff Implementation Program (State Council Customs Tariff Commission, shuiweihui, No. 27, issued December 9, 2011, effective January 1, 2012) (hereinafter, the “2012 Tariff Implementation Program”): 25309020, 26122000, 28053011, 28053012, 28053013, 28053014, 28053015, 28053016, 28053017, 28053019, 28053021, 28053029, 28461010, 28461020, 28461030, 28461090, 28469011, 28469012, 28469013, 28469014, 28469015, 28469016, 28469017, 28469019, 28469021, 28469022, 28469023, 28469024, 28469025, 28469026, 28469028, 28469029, 28469031, 28469032, 28469033, 28469034, 28469035, 28469036, 28469039, 28469041, 28469042, 28469043, 28469044, 28469045, 28469046, 28469048, 28469049, 28469091, 28469092,